



File Code: 2450

Date: August 19, 2013

Dear Prospective Offerer;

By September 19, 2013 at 1:00 PM sealed offers along with accompanying technical proposals will be accepted at the Oconee Ranger District Office, Attn: Pam Somers, 1199 Madison Road, Eatonton, GA. 31024 for the Gooch Integrated Resource Timber Contract. A FS-2400-13T contract will be used. The termination date for this contract is 09/30/2017. This contract is located in Putnam County, approximately six miles southwest of Eatonton, Georgia. A contract map and sample contract is available at the web site address listed below.

There is 1.48 miles specified road reconstruction in this project. Specified re-construction shall be completed prior to hauling; additional during haul and post haul road maintenance work is required.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 20,921 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential offerers to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Timber Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

Timber Bid Information:				Rates Per Unit of Measure		
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Base Rate	Minimum Acceptable Rate	Additional Deposits for Rd. Maint. \$/CCF
Southern Yellow Pine	Non-saw	CCF	20,347.00	N/A	\$13.74	.00
Hardwoods	Pulpwood	CCF	574.00	N/A	\$1.00	.00
	Total	CCF	20,347.00			

In addition to the timber component of this project, there is mandatory and optional stewardship service work to be performed. The service work consists of : (Mandatory) 5 units - System road gate installations, 1 unit - culvert replacement, and 20 acres of rehabilitation of wildlife openings and (Optional) – 254 acres Mid-story control / non-native invasive species , 254 acres coppice treatment / non-native invasive species, 4 units- Red cockaded woodpecker nest cavity insert,



and 84 units - Red cockaded woodpecker nest cavity maintenance. As this work is completed and accepted, stewardship credits will be applied to the account to cover the cost of timber. You will be required to submit a rate per unit of measure for these projects as part of your proposal.

Stewardship Project Information

Project Number (a)	Project Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
Mandatory Stewardship Projects			
001	<i>Gate Installation</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>5</i>
002	<i>Culvert Replacement (FS Road 903)</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>1</i>
003	<i>Rehabilitation of Wildlife Opening</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>20</i>
Optional Stewardship Projects			
004	<i>Mid-story Control (NNIS Treatment)</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>254</i>
005	<i>Coppice NNIS Treatment (year 2 Treatment)</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>254</i>
006	<i>RCW Artificial Nest Cavity Inserts</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>4</i>
007	<i>RCW Artificial Nest Cavity Maintenance</i>	<i>Each</i>	<i>84</i>

Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed. The technical proposal that is submitted will become a part of the contract when contract is awarded. A unit rate bid for the timber products is required as well as the per unit rate for completing each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

If you wish further information about this contract, such as Contract Area Maps, Prospectus and Bid Form, Past Performance Questionnaire, and Technical Proposal Form, please contact Mara Branch at the District Ranger's office at 1199 Madison Road, Eatonton, GA. 31024; 706-485-1776, extension 120 or you may obtain these items at the following website:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/resources/conf/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>.

Sincerely,



Contracting Officer